GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FAKE CURRENCY DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested by the Delhi Police on the charge of possessing fake currency/drugs in Delhi during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) whether the Capital is fast turning into a vast market for fake currency and drugs;

(c) if so, whether the Government have been able to find out the routes of fake currency and drugs in the Capital;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some police officers have also been found involved in such gangs;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against such officers by the Government; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to check the menace of movement of fake currency/drugs in the Capital?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The requisite details are as under:

Year	No. of persons arrested	
	Fake currency	Drugs
1998	62	697
1999	77	745
2000	66	688
2001(upto 30.06.2001)	48	428

(b): No, Sir.

(c)&(d): Investigations made by Delhi Police reveal that Pak ISI was involved in most of the cases of circulation of counterfeit currency and the fake currency was smuggled into the country either directly from Pakistan or via another neighbouring country. Similarly, the disclosures made by persons arrested in connection with seizure of drugs indicate that Delhi is in some cases being used as a transit route to smuggle drugs into foreign countries and the drugs are mostly smuggled into Delhi from some of the neighbouring countries for onward transmission to other foreign countries.

(e)&(f): There was only one case reported during the last two years and till date in which a police official was alleged to be involved. He was placed under suspension and the case against him is under trial.

(g): The steps taken by Delhi Police to check the use of fake currency and drugs in the Capital include collection of intelligence on the drug smugglers, peddlers and fake currency racketeers and maintenance of a close watch on their activities; effective liaison with the narcotics control Bureau, Central Bureau of Investigation and other intelligence agencies for sharing of information and intelligence; regular watch on the addicts to apprehend those involved in supply of narcotic drugs; and increased patrolling in the areas prone to such activities, etc. In addition, the steps taken to prevent circulation of fake currency include printing of currency notes with additional security features; issue of press releases from time to time to educate the public to distinguish between the genuine and fake currency

notes; and alerting the forward troops of the BSF to be more vigilant against smuggling of fake currency and drugs into the country.